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Bulletin

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SCDX Repeater 145.48 MHz. Trans - 600 DX NET: Thursday, 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 7:30 PM AT CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February club meeting will be held at the Childrens Hospital Auditorium, 4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. The Auditorium is 1/2 block east of the hospital on Sunset and Rodney Dr.

The program for the evening has not been received in time for this issue of the Bulletin. Listen to the repeater for information regarding this next meeting.

DUES

The annual club membership dues of $12 is now due. You can pay at the next meeting or send your check to WK6V, our membership chairman. See inside this issue for information on how you can win big by renewing your dues.

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DX CONVENTION

The 1987 38th annual International DX Convention will be held April 3 - 5 at the Grosvenor Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Visalia. Room reservations can be made direct to the hotel at (209) 651-5000. Pre-registration for the convention is $40 and must be postmarked no later than March 8, 1987. Registration and information should go to Jim Hicks, KK6X, 2260 Santa Fe Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Scheduled speakers will be Jim Niger, N6TJ and his JY7Z team. Lloyd and Iris will also be there to present their Yasme Indian Ocean trip. Ron, ZL1AMO, is tentatively scheduled along with Chuck, KC7UU, from the Egypt/Sudan area.
The grand prize will be a Kenwood TS-940s w/ ant. tuner.

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A REMINDER

The deadline for the March issue of the Bulletin is Feb. 26th. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Material must be submitted typed and double spaced. Volunteers are still needed for the DX page.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 1987 MEETING

By Hugh Allen, W6MFC

The meeting was called to order by Dan Davitt, N6CGB, at 7:30 PM. Introductions were given and the XYL's of Red Stillman and Jerry Dubson were introduced. It was mentioned that SCDXC stickers for QSL cards are available. The membership was asked how many countries were worked in 1987. Only Shel, W6EL, had worked 100.

Under old business, John, K6SVL, spoke to us about the monthly activity award. He suggested we drop that contest and modify the W6AM Memorial Award to be submitted monthly. The deadline to be the 15th of the following month or it won't count. Further, CW and phone contacts with the same station should count as one, not two, as now. W6HX suggested that zones be counted also. N6VI moved these suggestions be tabled until a later meeting. It was seconded and carried. Submit any suggestions on the contest to your favorite director.

Joe, K5KT, President of the Palos Verdes ARC, gave us an update on the W6AM radio museum. Probably an acre will become available and the ranch house moved. Joe suggested that any efforts to acquire the W6AM call sign be held off for now.

N6OU read a letter from CQ Magazine regarding the trophy that the SCDXC has sponsored for 20M phone. A statement was receeived for $135 for the last 3 years. It was moved, seconded and passed that we continue to sponsor this award and pay the bill.

Steve, W6FRZ, asked that approval be granted to purchase new antennas for the repeater, one at $80, to be directed towards the valley. Also, an amplifier for $250. This was to improve coverage. It was voted to put the motion on hold while alternate sites and possibly the site of Roy Brady, W6UXN, are explored.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of officers for 1987. Nominations from the floor were requested. W6AE, Red Stillman, was nominated, seconded and elected for Prez. Edgar, N6OU, was nominated, seconded, and elected Vice-President. Al Almeira, N6JZ, was nominated, seconded and unanimously elected Treasurer. Ray Harper, N6DKP, nominated Hugh Allen, W6MFC, for Secretary. Phil Rodowsky, KG6PV, was nominated to run for Secretary. Phil mentioned that he was only an Associate member. Associate members cannot vote, according to the constitution, but can hold an office. Both nominees were asked to state their position and later asked to leave the room while a vote was taken. W6MFC was elected. Nominations were taken for the two directors. KG6PV, W6HX and W6FRZ were all nominated. W6HX and KG6PV were elected directors. The third director is the past President, N6CGB.

N6OU presented KG6PV a gift certificate from Henry Radio ($25) for his help in finding our new meeting place.

N6CGB re-convened the meeting at 9:05 PM and thanked Irv, W6GC, Joe, K5KT, and Marty, N6VI, for their help. The meeting was then turned over to the new President, W6AE. Red thanked all members of the Board: W6FRZ, N6OU, and KG6IP, for all their hard work during thr past year.

Red reviewed his background. He was first licensed in 1958 as a W7 in Tucson. He moved to California in 1960 and let his license lapse. He was then issued W6AEM. When W6AE became a silent key, Red grabbed it. Red was President of the San Fernando DX Club, which was very active at one time, but no longer exists.

Tex, N6AHV, gave his rumors around the band. 3Y operation was discussed.

Bill Kendrick, WK6V, mentioned his woes with the new antenna height restrictions. Marty, N6VI, has his house and 100 foot tower for sale (antenna grandfathered in)

Marty, N6VI, and Darrel, N6DX, gave a slide presentation on their multi effort from Water Island, U.S. Virgin Islands, as KP2N. Their multi-multi operation may have set a new North American record.

The raffle was held next. Winners were W6FW, KG6DX, W6EA, K5KT, WK6V, KG6ZV, W6GC, W6JZ, W6EA, KB6HW and KA6QHI.

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W6AE suggested club projects like challenging the NCDXC. Red would like the membership to think about it. A suggestion was made that we send a contribution for the Peter I Island operatin. W6AE said to wait until it actually happened.
The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board meeting met at the Carriage House in Van Nuys. Present were: W6AE, N6OU, N6JZ, W6MFC, W6HX, KG6PV, N6CGB, WK6V, and NK6A. The meeting was called to order by Red at 9:10 PM.

A discussion to bring the constitution up to date was presented to Red. W6AE has already asked N6AHU to put changes in proper legal language. Changes will have to be approved by the membership. Changes involve dues for Board members and Charter members and a clarification of an Associate member. Awards have to be put in clearer language.

DX activity certificates are still owed to many winners.

The next Christmas dinner was discussed. Arrangements have been made at Les Freres Taix, on Sunset Blvd. The date will be the 3rd Thursday, Dec 17.

W6MFC brought up the fact that operating projectors, opening up and closing the meeting place was not a Secretarial function. KG6PV agreed to accept this facilities function.

KG6PV believes that W6FRZ, as repeater coordinator, should be a board member. W6AE appointed N6DKP to work out the details on this subject.

W6AE said he would like to see the club roster out earlier than Christmas this year. Bill, WK6V, says that roster update forms will be included with the next Bulletin. A rough draft will be available by April with a final copy ready for the printer by June. Bill suggested an incentive to get these forms back would be a ticket against a prize. The Board approved a $200 value. Also mentioned was the loss of membership over the last two years. Any member bringing in a new or former member will be given a ticket for the $200 prize.

W6AE would like this year to be a fun year. He proposes Field Day and a club picnic.

Program information is needed by the Board meeting for NK6A to publish in time. Ted, W6HX, had a few suggestions for up-coming meetings. N6OU had nothing firmed up yet, but was working on a new short wave station in Southern California.

The SCDXC should state a position on the re-structuring of the DXCC.

N6OU discussed how to change over the names on the bank accounts. The secretary will prepare a letter with the corporate seal.

To Hugh Allen, W6MFC
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I nominate _____
name and call
for the DXER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

_____
your name and call

DXER OF THE YEAR AWARD

In order to promote more and better DX activity among Southern California DX amateurs, to provide incentive for better operating and increased participation in Club activities, and to provide recognition for outstanding achievement in DX, the DXER OF THE YEAR award is given each year. The award is an engraved plaque suitable for wall mounting. It is awarded at the joint SCDXC/NCDXC Convention held annually. Nominations may be made by any DXCC or WAZ holder in Southern California by notifying any Board of Director member at least two months prior to the Convention. Selection of the winner of the award shall be made at a meeting of the Board of Directors prior to the Convention. The DXer will be selected by a majority vote at this meeting. The committee shall consider carefully each nomination submitted and shall give full attention to at least the following factors in making their decision:

1. Operating ethics and courtesy.
2. Station activity.
3. Signal quality.
4. Observance of FCC regulations
5. Contributions to Southern California DX: participation in Club activities, contests and functions;attendance at Club meetings; Bulletin contributions; technical contributions, and similar factors of concern to DX.
6. Contributions to amateur radio: helping new amateurs, novices, or foreign amateurs in any way through expedition traffic, loan or gift of parts or equipment, handling or supplying QSL cards, or assistance with technical problems.
7. Attitude toward fellow amateurs.
8. Attitude toward the public, including neighbors.
9. Perserverance: effort in listening for new countries, in obtaining missing QSL cards, in striving for DX goals of various sorts such as certificates or awards, all band and mode operation and ferreting out DX information.
10. Operating ability: copying through noise or QRM, code speed, ability to cope with confusion and general DX operation.
11. Success expressed as a qualitative ratio of DX worked to capabilities of station -- how well an amateur performs with what he has.
12. Other factors as considered applicable by the Award Committee.

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CLIPPERTON AWARD

The Clipperton award is donated by Don Bostrom, N6IC, and given in recognition of outstanding achievements as a "Rookie DXer".

1. Confirmed DX contacts shall count for 12 months from working the first DX country in the beginning membership year.
2. The award shall be an engraved perpetual plaque. The perpetual trophy shall be replaced by a permanent plaque when it is awarded to the new winner.
3. Selection of the winner will be by the Board of Directors at the meeting prior to the joint meeting.
4. The "Rookie DXer" with the most confirmed countries shall be declared the winner.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By Bill Kenderick, WK6V

It's that time of year again. Time to renew magazine subscriptions, begin filling out tax returns, start in on those New Years resolutions, and most important, renew memberships. This year we are going to try a different twist. Included in this isssue of the Bulletin is a new membership form (actually a new member application which will double as a membership form). Fill it out and return it to me at the next meeting or by mail. There are three good reasons why you should complete this form.

1. To have your name, address and phone number listed in the next edition of the roster.
2. To update any of the roster information.
3. All submissions will be eligible for a special prize ($200 value) that will drawn at the March meeting.

Bill Kenderick, WK6V
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The 1987 membership roster rough draft will be completed in April. If your dues aren't paid, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE NEXT ROSTER. If you know of any former members or potential new members,drop me a note and I'll send out a membership package or, better yet, contact them direct. Follow up letters will also be sent out to former members.

ROSTER UPDATES ***

Maurice Piroumian - WA6OPB - Eliminate work phone number.

Bud Maclauchlin - KD6WD - Change area code to 213-592-1785.

Cal Knecht - KB6DX - Remove business phone number. (Retired)

Don Minkoff - NK6A - BROOKLAKE ST. NOT BROOKDALE!!!

SILENT KEY

Fred Lawson, K6JAN, became a silent key in December. (Former member)

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DX-DX

The sixth edition (1987) of 'DX-Nets around the World' is now available from Dieter Konrad, OE2DYL. Also, 'DX-Beam Headings', which shows bearings and distances for more than 450 locations throughout the world.

Order blanks and additional information can be obtained by sending the editor (NK6A) a SASE.

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A REMINDER ON OPERATING COURTESY by Marty Woll, N6VI

During the recent 3Y operation I spent some time listening to the pile-up end of things and was disturbed to hear so many callers blatantly ignoring the DX station's instructions. When 3Y2GV said 'only the 2 Charlie Charlie' or 'the Yankee Victor 5 only', many whose calls bore no resemblance to the designated station continued to call. Unfortunately, many such callers were SCDXC members. A few minutes of listening produced a list of over a dozen among us, top guns and popguns, officers and members. How embarrasing for the club! They are lucky the 3Y's weren't keeping a blacklist.

Inadvertent transmissions on the wrong vfo are understandable, although highly visible, as is an isolated poorly timed call. But intentionally trying to step on the station being called by the DX is selfish and unethical. It is also counterproductive, slowing the QSO rate down considerably and adding to the fatigue and frustration of the expedition operators. Let's show some class and be courteous operators worthy of representing Southern California DX'ers. My hat is off, by the way, to those of you whom I heard NOT calling out of turn. I heard you and respect you for it.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB, INC.
APPLICATION AND MEMBERSHIP RECORD

PRIMARY CALL SIGN _____ DATE _____

OTHER OR PREVIOUS CALLS _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____

FULL NAME _____ NICKNAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

ZIP

TELEPHONE HOME ( ) – _____ ☐ DO NOT LIST MY PHONE NUMBERS IN THE CLUB DIRECTORY.

WORK ( ) – _____

OCCUPATION OR SCHOOL _____

STATUS ☐ FULL MEMBER ($12.00 / YR) ☐ ASSOCIATE MEMBER ($12.00 / YR)

☐ MEMBER AT LARGE ($7.00 / YR) ☐ SUBSCRIPTION ($6.00 / YR)

COUNTRIES WORKED / CONFIRMED _____ / _____ ☐ ARRL MEMBER

CLASS OF LISCENSE _____ RENEWAL DATE _____

SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

_____

OTHER CLUBS TO WHICH YOU BELONG _____

_____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY HONORARY / LIFE MEMBER AWARD DATE _____

DUES RECEIVED _____ DATE _____

QSL VERIFIED BY _____ DATE _____

DX CONTEST CALENDAR

Feb. 7 - 8	RSGB 7 MHz Phone Contest
Feb. 20 - 22	CQ WW 160 M SSB Contest
Feb. 21 - 22	ARRL DX CW Contest
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Fb.28 - Mr.1	French Phone Contest
Mar. 7 - 8	ARRL DX Phone Contest

For further information on contest rules, dates, logs, and operating schedules, consult QST, 73 or CQ Magazine.

ARRL DX Contest rules and log sheets will be available at the February 12, 1987 meeting.

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DX ATTRACTIONS/COMING EVENTS

CX0XY - South Shetland Is. - Feb. 1987. Uruguayan Antartic base.
FS - FG/TK5BL/FS - St. Martin. Jan 4 - Feb. 15.
4M0ARV - Aves Island DX-pedition, March 19-22, 1987.
3Y2GV - 3Y1EE - Peter 1 Island. QSL via LA6VM.
FT8WA - Crozet Island. 1830 UTC - 14226 w/ INDEXA.
FT8ZA - Amsterdam Island. 1850 UTC - 14.226.
5U7 - /I2VA - Niger Republic. 1700 UTC - 14.183
7Q7LW - Malawi - 0400 UTC - 7.001 . QSL via G3JSU.
5A0A - Libya - 21.005 - 1000 - 1100 UTC.
PY0 - St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks - signing ZY0SA and ZY0SB. QSL via PY1BVY.

The ARRL DXCC Golden Jubilee continues for 1987. Work any 100 countries and submit log extracts only to the ARRL. Details in QST. Congratulations to Shell, W6EL, for submitting his 100 countries for the new year. Anyone else?

KH6BZF REPORTS

Solar flux levels are expected to remain very low, with values of low 70's expected now thru the 28th of February. Next solar flux peak maybe expected centered around the 9th of February, 1987. (Based on recurrent data pattern)

MURPHY'S LAW

The Peter 1 Island DX-pedition has created quite a following on our repeater. Several members have worked them and several others are still figuring out where they will listen next. What pattern? I must have read all the wrong chapters in the DX how to books. Randy, NZ6N, lost his RF deck and power supply in chasing after the 3Y1/3Y2 station. His neighbors were last seen watching the football game without interference. Murphy who?

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ellen White W1YL
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CLASSIFIED

Wanted: Crank-up tower. Will take down. Condition is not important. Please call Cal Knecht, KB6DX at 213-839-5868.

For Sale: Spacious 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with ONE HUNDRED FOOT TOWER! 14 X 18 den/radio room, walk-in pantry, formal dining room. refrig. a/c. Fenced 5/8 acre w/ easy truck/trailer access, extra deep garage, 10 X 40 shed. Zoned for horses. Big beams (3 el 40) included. Contact Marty Woll, N6VI. Work- 213-482-6070. Home- 818-893-2451.

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Contributors this month include: N6VI, WPADXA, QRZ DX, CQ Magazine, QST, KH6BZF Reports, and Sheila, my XYL.